

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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August 10, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVAL OF RATES FOR SUPPORT OF MINORS IN PROBATION FACILITIES (3-VOTE) ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Adopt the resolution revising billable rates for minors detained in juvenile hall from \$24.57 to \$25.52 per day and for minors committed to camp from \$9.65 to \$10.62 per day.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this letter is to obtain Board approval of revised rates for support of minors placed in detention or committed to County facilities by order of the Juvenile Court.

Section 903 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a spouse or parent of a minor, the estate of a spouse or parent, and the estate of the minor shall be liable for the reasonable cost of support of the minor placed in an institution pursuant to an order of the Juvenile Court.

Section 904 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that a board of supervisors shall establish the monthly or daily charge for support and maintenance of such minors. Such charges may not exceed the reasonable actual county costs of food, food preparation, clothing, personal supplies, and medical expenses, subject to a statutory maximum amount. Adoption of the attached resolution provides the legal authority for the Probation Department to recover such support and maintenance expenses.

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The Auditor-Controller's Fiscal Manual section 8.1.3 requires departments to review revenues and adjust fees when they no longer provide full cost recovery. Probation annually reviews the basis of the subject rates and has calculated that since the rates were last set the cost of providing detention has gone up in the amount of the requested increases. The requested increases will provide full cost recovery to the extent they are collectible in individual cases.

Prior to adopting the resolution revising the daily rates, your Board is required to hold a public hearing in compliance with Government Code Section 66018. Notice of the time and place of your Board's public hearing at which this resolution is to be considered shall be published in accordance with Government Code Section 6062(a).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board action is consistent with Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #4 Fiscal Integrity. Implementation of this recommendation will allow the Department to recover a portion of the cost for food, clothing, personal supplies, and allowable medical services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This recommendation will provide additional revenue to the Department. As the majority of the funds collected are on long-term monthly payment plans, the anticipated revenue increase for 2006-07 is \$330,000.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact to current services or projects.

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CONCLUSION

Request the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to provide an executed copy of the resolution to the Probation Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Taylor

Chief Probation Officer

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Attachment (1)

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c: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel Auditor-Controller